Foodgrains Stock Position

1075. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Witt the/Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the physical stacks of foodgrains available with the Gov emment at the end of June each year in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990;

(b)' what have been the releases to the public distribution system during each of tbe five year period mentioned above;

'(c) whether the present level of food stocks is sufficient for meeting the needs of the public distribution system in the country and to act as a buffer against undue price increases; and

(d) if not, what steps Government are contemplating to bulla up the adequate food stocks?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The Stocks of foodgrains with the public agencies at the end of June each year in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1990 were at 28.28 million tonnes, 23.27 million tonnes 11.90 million tonnes, 18.05 million tonnes and 20.31 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The total issues of foodgrains to various States/U.Ts, and others from the Central "Pool during the years 1986, 1987, 1088, 1989 and 1990 upto June) were 16.10 million tonnes, 17.41 million tonnes, 17.29 million fonries, I4;63 million tonnes and 7.39 million tonnes (upto June 90) respectively.

(c) The present stock position of foodgrains twith the public agencies is by and large adequate to meet the reasonable requirements of States/ U.Ts. and as a buffer against undue price increases.

(d) Qrestion does not arise.

Study by World Bank Team in Fishery Sector

1076. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased fo state:

(a) whether the World Rank team has made a study on country's fishery sector;

(b) if so the opinion expressed by the team on the prospect of increasing fish production in the Exclusive Economic Zones; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to implement those suggestions to increase fish production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICUL TURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Introduction of Express Train between Puri to Madras and Vice-Versa

1077. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

"(a) whether thereis a proposal under Government's: consideration to introduce an Express train between Puri to Madras and vice-versa;

(b) whether there is also a proposal under Government's consideration to introduce an Express train between Puri and Patna and vice-versa; and

"(c) if so, tbe steps taken fo implement these two proposals?

THE MINISTER of RAILWAYS (SHRi GEORGE FERNANDES); (a)' and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.